

UP HOLLAND URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Up Holland Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you my Report on the Public Health and General Sanitary Conditions of Up Holland for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

The population estimated to the middle of 1948 by the Registrar General was 6,123.

BIRTHS: The number of Births registered was as follows:-

Total Live Births:- 63 Male : 64 Female. Birth Rate 20.7 per 1,000.
(Birth Rate for England & Wales 17.9)
Total Still Births:- 1 Female.

DEATHS: The number of Deaths registered was 54 (33 Male : 21 Female) giving a Death Rate of 8.8 per thousand. (Death Rate for England & Wales 10.8)

| | <u>Male.</u> | <u>Female.</u> |
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| Pulmonary Tuberculosis. | 1 | 1 |
| Syphilitic Diseases. | 1 | - |
| Acute Infective Encephalitis. | 1 | - |
| Cancer. | 6 | 3 |
| Cerebral Haemorrhage & Thrombosis. | 6 | 5 |
| Heart Diseases. | 7 | 3 |
| Other diseases of the circulation. | - | 1 |
| Bronchitis. | 3 | 1 |
| Pneumonia. | 1 | 1 |
| Other respiratory diseases. | 4 | 1 |
| Digestive diseases. | 1 | 1 |
| Premature Birth. | - | 1 |
| Congenital malformation; birth injuries and Infantile diseases. | 1 | 1 |
| Other violent causes. | 1 | - |
| All other causes. | 4 | 2 |
| | <u>33</u> | <u>21</u> |

The death rate of Infants, under one year of age, was 31 compared with 34 for England and Wales, and the Maternal Mortality Death Rate for the District was Nil.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES. The cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year were as follows:-

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| Scarlet Fever. | 54. |
| Measles. | 53 |
| Whooping Cough. | 17 |
| Acute Pneumonia. | 3 |
| Erysipelas. | 2 |
| Total. | <u>129.</u> |

FOOD POISONING. It is pleasing to report that no outbreak of food poisoning occurred in the District during the year.

IMMUNISATION: The number of children immunised during the year was:-

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| Under 5 years of age. | 63. | |
| Over 5 years but under 15 years. | 54. | |
| Reinforcing doses. | 2. | Total 119. |

The total number of children in the district immunised up to 31st December, 1948, was:-

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| Under 5 years of age. | 244. | |
| Over 5 years but under 15 years. | 875. | Total 1119. |

TUBERCULOSIS:

| | <u>Respiratory.</u> | | <u>Non Respiratory.</u> | | <u>Deaths.</u> | |
|-------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <u>Male.</u> | <u>Female.</u> | <u>Male.</u> | <u>Female.</u> | <u>Male.</u> | <u>Female.</u> |
| | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 6 | | 4 | | 2 | |

WATER SUPPLY: The water supply is obtained from Deep Wells in the District situate at Roby Mill and Tontine.

In January, 1948, unsatisfactory samples were obtained from both sources and supply. Drip chlorination was introduced and check samples gave supply satisfactory, and raw water unsatisfactory. In May, 1948, electric chlorinators were brought into use and since that time highly satisfactory results have been obtained both from supply and raw water.

MILK SUPPLY: Routine inspections have been carried out and a good standard of cleanliness has been maintained. Dairy Farms - 11. Cowkeepers - 35. Approximate number of cows in the district - 273.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS: There are no slaughter-houses situate within the District. Shops are regularly inspected including premises of ice-cream manufacturer.

SANITATION:

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| Privy middens | 123. | Olosets attached to these middens | 186. |
| Pail closets | 32. | Ashpits excluding middens | 205. |
| Movable ashbins | 1251. | Houses on water carriage system | 1458. |
| Freshwater closets | 1638. | Conversions during 1948 (to fresh-water closets) | 2. |

SANITARY INSPECTIONS:

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| Premises visited | 164. |
| Nuisances discovered | 120. |
| Nuisances abated. | 112. |
| Notices served - Informal | 120. |
| Notices served - Statutory. | 17. |
| Legal Proceedings | Nil. |

HOUSING: The general standard of housing in the District is satisfactory. A relatively few cottages will have to be considered for demolition when the general housing position eases. The demand for houses in the district is still very strong. The completion and letting of 44 new Council houses during the year has, to some extent, relieved overcrowding but there is still a considerable want.

SCHOOLS: Sanitary condition is fair.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS: Routine inspections made.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE: This is under the immediate control of the Lancashire County Council. No case of Ophthalmia Neonatorum or of Puerperal Pyrexia occurred during the year.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL: There are six small Sewage Disposal Works in the District. The main Works (Dam Head) are in satisfactory condition. The smaller works have been functioning as satisfactorily as is possible, bearing in mind the type of the Works. Provision of further Sewage Disposal plant is necessary for some parts of the area.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

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Medical Officer of Health.

